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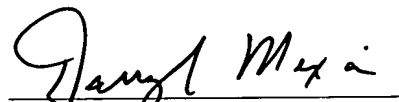
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language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Also, JP-A-11-273208 is cited and discussed on page 2 of the specification of the present application, and English-language abstracts, submitted herewith, constitute concise statements of relevance for JP-A-2003-217224; JP-A-2000-48465; JP-A-6-314459; JP-A-2003-59170 and JP-A-11-273208. *In addition, the listing JP-A-2003-217224 corresponds to the listed U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/151986; JP-A-2000-48465 corresponds to the listed U.S. Patent No. 6,370,105 and EP-A2-0977197; and JP-A-6-314459 corresponds to the listed U.S. Patent No. 5,742,571.*

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